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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	<b>Robert C. Beck</b>	Examiner:	<b>Matthew F. DeSanto</b>
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## COMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER

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Applicant filed an Amendment presenting new claims for examination on February 22, 2005. Prior to receiving an action on the merits the Applicant filed an Appeal Brief, which is untimely because the claims have not been twice rejected. Applicant requests that a Request for Continued Examination be entered in the case to permit the Examiner to evaluate the claims presented in the February 22, 2005 Amendment, reproduced here as an appendix. Kindly devote the filing fee for the Appeal Brief to the Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,  
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